

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 th, 8 P.M.

Our first Association meeting for the new season will be held on Monday, September 24th, at 8 P.M. at St. Paul's Church (Pillsbury Hall), 2430 K Street, N.W.

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YOUR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION AND YOU

Have you ever really thought about how important you are to your citizen's association? Most people rarely do. However, without you your citizen's association accomplishes nothing or very little. The power of the people — many people — in this country really works. We see evidences of this every day in major political programs. And we the people, participate in these major programs in one way or another.

For some reason though, we rarely look at that which is right under our noses. In other words your citizen's association, the FBA, is right under your nose and except for reading the monthly Bulletin how much do most of us do to help it in its mission? Very very little.

There are several thousand residents in the Foggy Bottom area. All are responsible, mature, and intelligent people. All, I'm sure are interested in seeing that Foggy Bottom is kept clean, that traffic problems are handled promptly, that parks are established and beautifully planted, that building codes are adhered to, that environmental standards are maintained, that crime is under control, and, and, and.... Most of these things get taken care of very well in Foggy Bottom — I'm sure you will agree. But do you know that of the thousands of residents only 205 are members of the Foggy Bottom Association and that on the average only 35 come to the monthly meetings. Surprising how much they get done with so few, isn't it?

The point of this article is that so much more could be accomplished for our area — which is one of the leading communities in the city — if some more of you would support the FBA. How about joining now — today. Your name, and of course, your membership fee is extremely important but more important is your moral support, your interest and your attendance at some of the monthly meetings. First things first — so join us with your membership then I'm sure that you will get interested in making Foggy Bottom the best community in the city. And you know, some of the nicest people live in Foggy Bottom; this is a good way to meet some of them.

Membership is \$3.00 — send it to
James Murphy, Treasurer
950 - 25th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

by Mary E. Healy

(Repeated from May, 1973 issue)

D.C. BUDGET IS TOPIC AT SEPTEMBER FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Guest Speaker will be Mr. Joseph C. Hensen, Deputy Director For Budget Operations of the Dist. of Columbia Gov't. Office of Budget and Financial Management.

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LAST MONDAY

The monthly Foggy Bottom Association meeting is NOT held on the fourth Monday of the month — it is held on the LAST Monday of the month.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Washington, D.C. 20004

July 2, 1973

Mrs. Margaret M. Culhane
The Foggy Bottom Association
Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Mrs. Culhane:

Your letter of June 7, outlining the deplorable conditions in Foggy Bottom, has triggered some action in behalf of your group. Other District Government agencies, which share responsibility for correcting some of the problems, have been notified and asked to take appropriate action. Mr. August B. Millard, Chairman of Service Area #9, has been asked to contact you to coordinate clean-up efforts in the area.

Meanwhile, Herbert L. Tucker, Director of the Solid Waste Management Administration, has assured me that corrective action has been taken to remove litter from sidewalks and gutters. He has directed his men to make a closer surveillance of the area and to sustain a satisfactory level of cleanliness.

In the near future, the Department will obtain 1,000 new refuse receptacles. We will see that your area gets its share so that Foggy Bottom residents will have a place to put their litter.

The Department has made some revision in street- and alley-cleaning, which has resulted in more frequent service. Your particular area is scheduled to be cleaned every two weeks. However, if our surveillance reveals more frequent service is required, the schedule can and will be adjusted.

The Police Department and housing inspectors from the Department of Economic Development have assured us that there will be an increase in the enforcement of housing and solid waste regulations. In July this Department will launch an anti-litter school which will help enforce the regulations regarding many of the problems you mentioned.

Concern and cooperation from groups such as yours will result in attaining the goals which we have for the City. Your continued efforts will be greatly appreciated by this office.

Sincerely,

James P. Alexander
Director
Department of Environmental Services



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FOGGY DOINGS

WHO'S WHO IN POTOMAC PLAZA

There are no barnacles on Captain Irby Wood! He is too active. He is as agile as any twenty-year old tar that ever climbed the rigging of a sailing ship, as he scurries in and out of Potomac Plaza.

Captain Wood was born in Jackson, Tennessee — a town not far from where Davy Crockett once hunted bears. His father was a minister, and he grew up in a "bookish" family where good reading was always available.

But in high school, his dislike for algebra caused him to leave at the age of sixteen and go to sea, where he joined an older brother who was an officer on the steamship Antinous. From that time until his retirement in 1969, Captain Wood served continuously in the U.S. Merchant Marine — a total of forty-five years.

His first voyage took him over the watery grave of the TITANIC, which sank on April 15, 1912, carrying 1,635 persons to their death. Subsequent voyages sent him on many adventures, and aboard many ships, and from that first voyage as an ordinary seaman, Captain Wood tasted life in all parts of the world. The ships he sailed were his "Flying Carpets."

He sailed ships into danger areas during the Spanish Civil War. He was aboard the ALCOA MARINER when it was torpedoed during World War II. Later trips involved him with smugglers; he barely cleared the eastern end of the Suez Canal before the Israeli-Egyptian War closed it so effectively; and he experienced three weeks of the infamous "Tet" offensive in South Vietnam in 1968!

Yet, with his long years of service — twenty-five of which were spent as a ship's Master — Captain Wood's love of the sea never overcame his love of good books or his desire to study. His books seemed to act as a foil for his many harrowing experiences.

The residents of Potomac Plaza have been delighted with Captain Wood and his charming wife, as they have both been very generous in sharing their busy lives with our Cooperative. Captain Wood is a member of the board, and last year served as editor of the Potomac Plaza Bulletin. Since retirement he has found time to write his memoirs, recently published under the title of *Born a Gemini*.

This fascinating book spells out his adventures, and is a well-written collection of odds and ends of the sea. They cover subjects from Hurricane Carol to tattooing, and from flying fish to museums.

Do read it!

The book may be obtained at the Savile Book Shop in Georgetown, or at the Globe Book Shop located at 17th and Pennsylvania Avenue. Otherwise it can be ordered directly from the Vantage Press in New York. You might even contact Captain Wood, as I am told he has a limited number of copies which he will autograph upon request. You will enjoy this book with its very readable vignettes of an old salt!

Captain Wood, Potomac Plaza salutes you!

Hope Hart

THE RELOCATION OF ROSE

After forty years in the same business location, 2149 Pennsylvania Avenue, Rose Policelli is moving her Washington Circle Valet Shop to 2105 K Street.

Rose will continue to be our good friend and neighbor who has served the community admirably through many years in business.

Anthony Policelli opened the Washington Circle Valet Shop in October 1933. Nine years later he died, leaving Rose a widow with three small sons, Fred, Joe and Vito. She continued to operate the business at the same time educating her sons and training them to carry on the cleaning shop.

Through the years the business has expanded. There are three shops now operated by the Policelli family. The Diplomat Cleaners, 2500 Pennsylvania Avenue, is administered by the personable Vito. Like his mother, he dispenses impeccable cleaning service. Another shop is located in Bowie, Maryland — operated by another son.

Rose is not relocating her shop by choice. The property owner of the Pennsylvania Avenue address requires the space for a parking lot. She will welcome her friends and patrons at the new location, 2105 K Street. The same high type of service will continue to be her policy.

Good wishes to you, Rose. We are happy that you will continue your residence at Columbia Plaza, as well as to operate your business in the vicinity.



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Soupcon*

by Dorth Arnold

It has been called to my attention that while I give you Foggy Bottomers many recipes for good staple food, I too infrequently touch upon the niceties in the art of eating, such as hors d'oeuvres, say. So here is a recipe that appeared in Soupcon* in the Georgetown Spectator in 1967. I hope it will add a gay note to your next cocktail party.

Boysenberry Oyster Dunk

24 oysters (uncooked)
1 dozen egg whites
2 lbs. ground okra
5 quarts of canned milk
2 crates boysenberries

The oysters are, naturally, to be served on a plate separately, or, if you prefer, set a bowl containing the dunk in the center of a large plate and surround it with oysters.

For the dunk, take your egg whites, okra and milk; stir. Grind the boysenberries quite fine and add. Stir again. Sugar to taste and place in bowl.

As for the oysters, whether you leave them in the half-shell or take them out, is up to you personally. If you remove them from their shells, I would suggest that sandpaper garnish be placed at intervals on the plate. This will enable guests to roughen their fingertips and dunk more daintily and confidently.

This gem is from Helen Ferril's column, "Cooking Can Be Fun" in the Rocky Mountain Herald. Mrs. Ferril is the Aunt of our good friend Captain Deke Ela who introduced me to her column when I started writing this one.



AIRCRAFT NOISE

The noise from aircraft over Foggy Bottom keeps getting worse instead of better! FBA President Dennis Williams voiced our concern and sought relief from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration in a letter dated June 7th. FAA has advised us that their efforts to reduce noise are continuing but that we can help them to pinpoint problem areas by calling their Noise Abatement Unit at the time we are experiencing noise disturbance.

So let's all put the telephone to work — the number to call is: 557-2081. If we concentrate our noise advice maybe we can get FAA to concentrate their noise relief efforts so we can hear the 10 o'clock news at night; so we can have conversations in our homes without shouting; so our TV's don't scramble; and so we can enjoy our morning coffee without a nervous twitch.

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Mary Healy

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The 22-room house at 3508 Prospect Street (one block north of M Street) will be transformed by 22 of Washington's top designers into a show house of fine furnishings, art and imaginative decor. The house will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Built sometime between 1788 and 1793 by Revolutionary War hero General James Lingan,* the architecture is essentially Federal with the use of Louis XVI embellishments restrained by elegant American Georgian detail. The most unusual feature of the property is the octagonal watchtower from which John Templeman, builder of the Georgetown Bridge, watched his ships sail into what was once a sea-level port.

Almost a century and a half after the house was built, an owner discovered an underground tunnel leading to the Potomac. Huge iron rings on the wall of the passageway suggest that a previous owner might have engaged in slave running.

Following the death of James E. Forrestal (the first Secretary of Defense) in 1949, Josephine Ogden Forrestal, his widow, leased the house to the government. Extensive renovation had begun at the White House, and President and Mrs. Truman had moved into Blair House, the traditional guest house for visiting heads of state. The State Department took over Mrs. Forrestal's house, officially named it Prospect House, and ran it until 1951 as the guest house for visiting dignitaries.

Single tickets to the Decorators' Show House are \$3.50, which can be considered a tax-deductible contribution to the National Symphony. Group ticket rates of \$3.00 each are available in quantities of 20 or more. Tickets may be purchased by mail from Mrs. Charles Lenhoff, 9124 Horner Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

*Historical facts from Great Houses of Washington, D.C. by Hope Ridings Miller, published by Clarkson N. Potter, Inc.



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Organ Recital, Helen Penn; St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, 12:10 PM. Free.

SEPTEMBER 28 — FRIDAY

Concert, Dr. Frank Speller organist; National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 8 PM. Free.

SEPTEMBER 30 — SUNDAY

Sunday Afternoon Music Hour, Washington Music Teachers Association, The Chamber Ensemble, Barker Hall, YWCA, 17th & K Sts., N.W., 3 PM. Free.

Piano Recital, William Doppman, The Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St., NW., 5 PM. Free.

Concert, National Gallery Orchestra, Richard Bales, conductor; National Gallery of Art, East Garden Court, 7 PM. Free.

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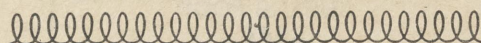
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